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Professional Development

Watch your email in the coming days for registration information for two valuable professional development opportunities which will be held on campus.

- The 2nd Annual **Title III Day**, "Why Learner-Centered" will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd from 8:30AM to 3:30PM
- The 7th Annual **Learning Academy**, "The Learning College" will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd from 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Both days will include 90-minute, 60-minute and 20-minute workshops, poster sessions and more.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.

Preregistration is required.

One Book, One Campus

Dean Garth and a group of RCC students attended a lecture at Boston College on Wednesday, April 25th given by Rebecca Skloot, author of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, RCC's first **One Book, One Campus** selection.

After the lecture, they had the opportunity to meet with the author, who answered their questions and signed their books.

Pictured below are some RCC students with Skloot and her publicist.

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Commencement Week Activities

Spirit of Boston Cruise
Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30pm—*Seaport Boston Harbor*

Evening of Excellence
Wednesday, May 16th at 6pm—*Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center*

Nursing Pinning
Thursday May 17th at 6pm—*Media Arts Building Mainstage*

Graduation
Friday May 18th at 1pm—*Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center*

For additional information on any of these events, please contact the **Office of Student Life and Student Engagement** at 617-541-5332

Mark Your Calendar

April 21-30: Adjunct Faculty Evaluations
May 4: Honors Presentations Day at 12pm
May 18: Commencement
May 22: Title III Day
May 23: Learning Academy
—Through the Gateway Awards

Basketball News

RCC women's basketball player, Tyler Kimball has been selected as a Collegiate All-American, and for the next year her jersey will be hanging in the Knoxville Hall of Fame Ring-of-Honor. This is the second year in a row that RCC has had the honor. Last year's Collegiate All-American was RCC's Jesika Holmes. On May 1st, Jesika's jersey will be replaced by Tyler's!

Congratulations to Tyler and Mark Leszczyk Women's Basketball Head Coach.

STEM Speaker Series

Soha Hassoun Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science at Tufts University presented at the STEM SPEAKER SERIES on Thursday, April 26th, 2012.

She spoke about the Computational Modeling and Design in Systems Biology. The talk offered a glimpse of how computational methods are used in Engineering. Modeling and optimizing of cellular behavior was used as an example.

The event was sponsored by the RCC STEM Division, Mass Space Grant Consortium and BATEC.

Career Services News

On Tuesday, May 1st, there will be a presentation on internships in Room 3-121 at 11:30AM with a Q&A session to follow.

Encourage students to attend and listen as their peers share the benefits of doing internships.

Honors Program Update

Professor Rhonda Gray and students Helga DaRosa and Eduardo Goncalves (Comp 1 Honors) had the opportunity to attend the **Transitions and Transactions, "Literature Pedagogy in Community Colleges"** conference in New York on April 20-21, 2012. Professor Ken Tangvik also presented at the conference.

Some highlights of the conference included

- RCC students' presentation, which made an impact evidenced by the many attendees taking notes while the students were speaking;
- meeting the students' co-presenters, whose perspectives on learning literature in the community college classroom were engaging; and
- attending a panel discussion

Prof. Gray and the students are looking forward to sharing their presentation at the Learning Academy. They will also include the perspective of key researcher and ally, Loretta Minor. Her doctoral research was the foundation of this project.

Click HERE to visit the conference website

Words of Thanks from Helga and Eduardo

From Helga DaRosa

The Conference Presenters

"First and foremost Thank You! Without the support and belief you had in us, none of this would've been possible. Throughout this entire process from the first meeting to the bus ride back from New York City I've learned so much about my skills, abilities, RCC, and so many other things. When the project was first mentioned by Professor Gray I was filled with excitement but a huge part of me was nervous. Presenting in N.Y. in front of a bunch of scholars, professors and other students? Oh man, was my mind racing in a hundred laps! But all the meetings we had leading up to the conference allowed me to become more comfortable with the material and feel confident in myself & I must say we did a great job! A lot of hard work went into this conference, and at times it felt like a drag but it all paid off in the end; you believed in us and we made RCC proud! I am so thankful for this eye-opening opportunity and couldn't be happier to have represented RCC at the conference."

From Eduardo Goncalves

Eduardo Goncalves presenting at the conference.

"Going to "Transitions and Transactions" in New York City was an amazing experience. I am very happy and I feel very fortunate that I could talk about literature pedagogy not only with various instructors, but also with community college students, just like me. Visiting New York was a treat, but the best part about it was leaving with a deeper understanding of how English and teaching English classes could be changed or improved. Hearing and meeting other speakers, seeing the huge city, and overall coming into contact with new ideas and peers was a blast! I am so grateful!"